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Simon attended school in Midway. After reaching young manhood he engaged in farming, mining and the hotel and resort

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Before settling in Midway after his marriage, Simon was in business in Ouray, Colorado and Eureka, Utah. He was prominent in the business, fraternal and civic affairs of Eureka while he and his family lived there.

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Mrs. Fannie Schneitter was active in the Midway Second Ward Relief Society and was a prominent member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was a famous cook and a beloved hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneitter, besides rearing their own family, raised two children of Mr. Schneitter's from his first marriage, a daughter of Mrs. Schneitters by her first marriage, a niece Annie Cox, a nephew Howard Baker, children of a sister of Mrs. Schneitter. All of the children shared equally in the kind and loving support and guidance that the parents gave consistant with their ability and means.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneitter were known throughout the west for their hospitality and excellent food. They gave pleasure and comfort to thousands of friends and patrons at the well established resort, "Schneitter's Hot Pots."

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SIMON AND MARIA BAMBERGER SCHNEITTER

Simon Schneitter was born July 6, 1828, in Wimms, Bern, Switzerland.

Maria Louisa Dintheer Bamberger, who became his wife, was born April 17, 1821, in Erlen, Bern, Switzerland. Maria Bamberger had a daughter by her first husband, Maria Louisa, born July 24, 1853, in Grover, Bern, Switzerland.

To Simon and Maria was born a son, Simon Jabez, on June 30, 1860 in Wimms, Bern, Switzerland.

Simon was a watchmaker by trade, owning his own shop. His wife worked with him. He made the watches and she made the cases.

When the Latter-day Saints missionaries came to their home in about 1862, they were welcomed and often stayed with them. Before long the message the missionaries brought was accepted by their hosts.

Simon and Maria sold their business and made preparations to go to America. With their two children they left Switzerland for Liverpool, England. The ship Antartic, left Liverpool on May 23, 1863 with 486 immigrants. The ship docked at Castle Garden, New York, on Friday, July 10, 1863. From Castle Garden they went to Albany, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago, Quincy and St. Joseph, Mo. Then by steamboat up the Missouri River to Florence, Neb., where they outfitted themselves with wagon, ox team and supplies for their trek across the plains. They left Florence, Neb., July 25, 1863, in the John R. Murdock Company, arriving in Salt Lake Valley, Sept. 9, 1863.

A few weeks after their arrival in the Valley they learned they were to go to Midway to join other Swiss families who had already settled there. It was late in the fall when they started. Cold weather and snow made it impossible to go through the mountains, so they camped on Provo Bench until the snow had melted the following spring and the wagons could be driven through the canyon.

On their arrival in Midway they were greeted by other Swiss families. They felt at home in this beautiful valley as it reminded them of Switzerland, surrounded as it was, by mountains much like their homeland.

They settled on several acres of land on which was one large hot pot and several small ones. A log house was built in Snake

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Creek Canyon which stood until about 1900 when it was destroyed by fire.

The land had to be cleared of sage brush so that crops could be planted. Although farming was entirely new to them, they soon learned to cultivate the land. It was not long before crops were growing all around the hot pots. Cattle and chickens were added and soon they were making their living off the land.

When Park City had developed into a mining town and Provo had been settled, people heard of the hot pots and would go over in their wagons to see them. It was then that they dreamed of building a hotel and resort. In 1886 a two-story brick hotel and a swimming pool was started. The hotel, still in use, is now known as the "Virginia House." A hole was drilled at the base of the large hot pot and the water was piped to the pool. It became a very popular bathing resort. Visitors came from many parts of the United States to spend their vacation and to bathe in the invigorating mineral water.

Maria Louisa Schneitter died Sept. 4, 1893 and Simon Schneitter died Sept. 17, 1900. After their death, their son, Simon Jabez, his wife and family operated the Hot Pot Resort. His family operated it until 1951 when it was sold to the Whitaker Brothers, the present owners. Thus ended 87 years of ownership by the Schneitter family.

Their daughter Maria Louisa was ten years old when they found their new home in Midway. She helped her step-father clear the land, plant and harvest the crops. Every Friday, during the spring, summer and fall, she and her step-father drove to Salt Lake City with a wagon load of butter, eggs and vegetables. Some of the most prominent people in Salt Lake City were their regular customers. Mrs. Conrad Wilkinson who operated a millinery shop was one of their regular customers. On one of her trips she mentioned to Mrs. Wilkinson that she would like to stay in Salt Lake as she thought there were more advantages in the city for a young girl. She stayed in her home, attending school, until Mrs. Wilkinson's health compelled her to close the shop. Maria Louisa then went to live in the home of Dr. Joseph Benedict. She married Richard Alfred Watts in 1882 and raised a family of seven children, six sons and one daughter, all of them living when she passed away July 29, 1932, in Salt Lake City at the age of 79.

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